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25X1 1. [redacted] Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called to say that Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, would like an updated briefing on Vietnam preparatory to next week's debate on the Procurement bill. He said this debate would be hectic, possibly involving a "date certain" amendment to end the war. He said Nedzi would like our briefing to cover the military situation in Vietnam, the political situation and the peace negotiations. I explained we were not competent to testify on peace negotiations. He said he would at least like to get anything we had on such things as the Podgorny visit to Hanoi, etc. I asked if he wanted us to cover anything else besides Vietnam and he left that up to us. I said probably George Carver would provide the briefing.

25X1 2. [redacted] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to ask if the Director could appear Monday, 26 June 1972, at 10:00 a.m. before the full Senate Armed Services Committee to brief on SALT. After checking with the Director's office, I called back to say the Director would be there and Braswell confirmed the time and date. He also indicated the possibi lity they might want to call the Director back to finish up later in the week if the Monday schedule didn't permit enough time to cover the whole subject.

25X1 25X1A 3. [redacted] of FE Division, called this morning and informed us that Ambassador Sullivan, of State Department, is opposed to the acceptance of Senator Case's compromise to the Dominick amendment on S. 3390. Sullivan's objection is based on the fact that the amendment would still run contrary to the Nixon doctrine of encouraging regional assistance among nations in Southeast Asia. 25X1A [redacted] added that State plans to bring this item up at the WSAG meeting this morning.

Mr. Maury contacted the Director at the White House prior to his going into the WSAG meeting and briefed him on the reasons for our recommending the acceptance of the Case compromise and of the pitfalls of either a lengthy debate or a secret Senate session on the amendment. We later learned that the Administration is in favor of holding out for striking out the entire section.

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25X1 [redacted] Talked with Marshall Wright, State Department, about the various options on the Dominick amendment and expressed our concern about a lengthy Senate debate and/or a secret Senate session on it. I also said that this was now more a matter for Administration policy decision and was getting beyond the Agency's area of interest. Wright mentioned that the matter was being discussed at WSAG and said that they would be in touch with Senator Dominick when a decision is made by the White House.

25X1 5. [redacted] Cheryl Klein, in Senator Dominick's office, called and informed us that unless the Agency could give him adequate reasons why he should do otherwise, Senator Dominick was definitely prepared to accept Senator Case's compromise to his amendment as we had discussed it but that the Senator felt it was rather useless to insist on restricting the application of this section to "this Act" rather than "any provision of law" [redacted] and therefore there was no reason to argue Armed Services Committee jurisdiction in this instance. I made it very clear, however, that I understood the Administration was in favor of striking Section 515 entirely and Tom Korologos, of the White House staff, planned to contact the Senator.

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25X1 6. [redacted] Met with Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Operations Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on what we knew of some of the people involved in the Watergate incident and on a security case which might eventually get public attention.

25X1 7. [redacted] Tom Korologos, White House staff, called to request a copy of the transcript of the Director's testimony before the Foreign Relations Committee. I said the Director's policy was not to release or coordinate his transcripts and I did not have the authority to provide one. He indicated he would call the Director or have someone else call him.

I told Korologos that I understood Senators Case and Dominick had worked out a compromise which would not affect [redacted] and would seem acceptable from the Agency standpoint. Korologos said he would call Dominick about this. 25X1

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25X1 8. [redacted] After learning the results of the WSAG meeting from the Director, I called Tom Korologos, White House staff, to say that apparently the question of the Administration's position on the Dominick amendment had been referred to the highest levels for resolution and suggested he get White House guidance before pursuing the matter further.

25X1 9. [redacted] Received a call from Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me that in connection with the research he is doing on events in Indochina he has run into several references to NIE 5 of December 1950 and asked if he could see a copy. I told him that I was sorry he would have to make his request direct to the National Security Council. We discussed also the Committee's request for review of OSS files on Indochina. I told him that the files that have been identified so far relate solely to papers and reports accumlated in the field. We will be making additional effort to identify files of Headquarters OSS. He said there is no real time press at the moment and that he would follow my guidance when we had an appropriate number of files for his review. Messrs. Colby and [redacted] have been advised.

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25X1 10. [redacted] Received a call from Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, concerning the Committee transcripts that are held by the Agency for safekeeping. Mr. Kuhl told me that there is pertinent statistical information that is needed from time to time and we might expect calls from members of the staff. I furnished the information requested from the transcript of the Director's hearing of 23 March 1971 concerning the time hearings were commenced and adjourned and members of the Committee who were present. Mr. Kuhl also advised that the transcript of Mr. Laird's appearance before the Committee yesterday had been received and could be picked up for our review.

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25X1 11. [redacted] Per arrangements made by [redacted] left a China Atlas with the staff of Senator Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), for his use.

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